

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is to be entered before examination of the claims. Claims 7-26 overcome the cited prior art for at least the reasons that have been set forth in the previous replies.

As amended, independent claim 1 recites in response to the indication of a thermal event, controlling a signal that is associated a mechanical power switch of a computer system to cause circuitry of the computer system to shut down the computer system in response to the signal indicating that the switch has been held in an off position for a predetermined delay. Furthermore, as amended, the method of independent claim 1 recites in response to the thermal event, powering down the processor before the signal indicates the switch has been held in the off position for the predetermined delay.

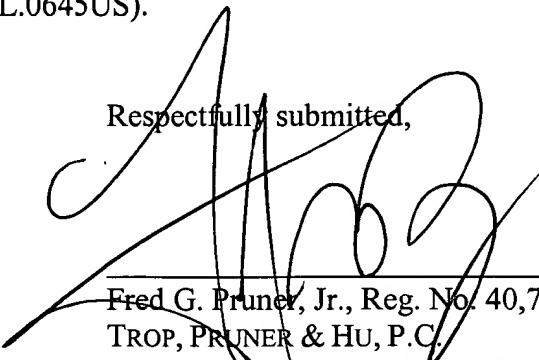
Contrary to the language of amended independent claim 1, the combination of references cited by the Examiner fails to teach or suggest shutting down a computer system in response to a signal indicating a mechanical power switch has been held in an off position for a predetermined delay and in response to a thermal event, powering down the processor before the signal indicates the switch has been held in the off position for a predetermined delay. Therefore, allowance of independent claim 1 is requested.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are patentable for at least the reason that these claims depend from an allowable independent claim .

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0645US).

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